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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a contract software engineer. I telecommute 100%, so my livelihood depends on fast and reliable internet access. There is essentially a duopoly where I live: AT&T for DSL/Fiber and Comcast for cable internet. I have been a customer of both companies and have been incredibly dissatisfied with their customer service and price hikes that come with no discernible improvement in their product offerings.

After another frustrating round of price increases with Comcast, I switched to Sonic, a local ISP in the San Francisco Bay Area. Since then, I have enjoyed 7 years of stable pricing, responsive customer support, and the peace of mind that comes from an ISP that cares about customer choice and privacy.

I wouldn't even have this option if not for Sonic's ability to resell wholesale internet service from AT&T. As a small, local ISP, they don't yet have the footprint to serve the San Jose area where I live, but with every customer they gain through their wholesale agreement with AT&T, they gain the resources and capacity they need to build out a fiber optic network to the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Sonic is building out new infrastructure for the 21st century, provides local jobs, offers superior customer service, and treats customers' privacy with respect. All this will be jeopardized by allowing AT&T and other incumbents to withdraw from their responsibilities under the Telecom Act. Please do not let AT&T and other incumbents leave consumers with fewer choices and higher prices.

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